CHRISTMAS CHIMES!

How they add to the Christmas spirit! "Silent Night, Holy Night"—"Adeste Fideles" —pealing out on crisp air that is richly laden with the memories of other Christmas seasons —of that One memorable Christmas-tide centuries ago. Each Christmas sees an ever increasing number of churches enjoying the benefits that come through the installation of Golden Voiced Tower Chimes.

A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEED

Not only at Christmas time but at every other season of the year these Modern Tower Chimes confer incalculable benefits through reaching the strays and non-attendants—those whom the Church most of all wants to reach but who shun every ordinary invitation. When Chimes are installed there is invariably a noticeable spiritual awakening in the community—new faces are seen in the congregation;

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INTRO. Last Sunday-the Poetic Genius of Jesus.
He gave to the world its highest ideal of life.
He exercised an optimism of hope and confidence profoundly prophetic and contageous.
He exercised a sane, moral sense that made Him Master, ideed, of every stiuation.
Whereas Jesus had the soul of a truepoet, he also possessed the mind of a true scientist.
Much in common between the poet and the scientist.
In both the power of imagination is highly developed.
Jesus spiritualized material things and himself was a materialization of the spiritual. He was Lord and Master of both realms, and in the power of imagination fully at home in them
Jesus observed everythiggwithscientific accuracy
He analysed and investigated to learnwhat the true factswere
His conclusions were always based uponthe facts and were drawnnaturally, not on any forced or fanciful way.
Jesus out-reasoned everyone he met. He was nota glorified revivalist,or an emotionalis or a fanatic as some believe. His orderly mind always related effects to their real causes, consequences to their real procedures.

I. Jesus' Attitude towards Traditions.

1. The cement necessary tohold society together and stabalize it.
The stability and social order of a nation depends upon its stronglydeveloped customs.

2. Jesus also saw that tradition might become so hard and firmly set as to stifle all progress, making it necessary to break thru the hard crust for the good ofthe people.
China an example.

3. Traditions, then, may be either good or bad, according as they have or have not outlived their usefulness.

In the case of the Jews they must have been good in themselves, for they were believed to have been established by Jehovah. But they had become fetters. The scribes and pharisees once asked Jesus, "Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?, for they wash not their hands when they eat bread?" Here is the answer, "Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? Thus have you made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."

All scientific sociologists hold the same view as did Jesus- traditions serve a good purpose so long as they do not stop progress and interfere with the development.

II. Jesus was recognized the principle of Growth in all Life and in all the processes of nature, as do all our sciences to-day.

Jesus was conscious of living in a developing universe. Growth to him was a self-evident fact, and it was an orderly process, not catastrophic or cataclismic

"So is the kingdom of God as if a man should cast seed into the ground: and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

Again, "The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: but when it is sown, it groweth up, abd becometh greater than all herbs and shooteth out great branches, so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it."

Always there is this idea of a small beginning, followed by a growth which flowers into an abundant life. So is the kingdom of God, and so are the kingdoms of this world, material and moral.

LIFE, as Jesus saw it, was progress from lower to higher, and its goal was the highest, perfection itself. "Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect."

The Kingdom an inward influence, like leaven in meal, and it was the inner nature of man that Jesus sought to strengthen and enrich, seeing in it the germ cell in which the spiritual life originated.

Looking backward, Jesus saw progress in the apprehension of spiritual truth and in the revelation of Almighty God: looking forward, he beheld the New Jerusalem, the holy city coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Browning, interpreting St.John, ~~interprets~~ states

"I say that man was made to grow, not stop;
That help, he needed once and needs no more,
Having grown but an inch by, is withdrawn;
For he hath new needs, and new helps to these.
This imports solely, man should mount on each
New height in view; the help whereby he mounts,
The ladder-rung his foot has left, may fall,
Since all things suffer change save God the Truth.
Man apprehends him newly at each stage
Whereat earth's ladder drops, its service done.

"Man is not God but hath God's end to serve,
A master to obey, a course to take,
Somewhat to cast off, somewhat to become.
Grant this, that man must pass from old to new,
From vain to real, from mistake to fact,
From what once seemed good, to what now proves best.
How could man have progression otherwise?"

Life to Jesus was a becoming. It needed a new environment in which to thrive and which he labored and died to give it. Jesus brot into the world its greatest passing from old to new, and threw down more ~~old~~ ladders, earth's ladders that had served their day, than had ever been overthrown, and caused a moving forward from what once seemed good to what now proves best that has not yet reached its fullest momentum.

And Jesus is ever calling us from the good to the better, the higher, the truer. The science of Jesus is progressive if it is anything at all. The world is just beginning to utilize the scientific knowledge of our Christ. Psychology and Education greatly indebted to the Master for some of their latest and most basic principles.

Jesus did not apply his ~~scientific~~ mind to a consideration of the physical aspects of life as do our scientists, but directed it primarily to the spiritual aspects of life. His was a profound knowledge of God and of man.

To this knowledge St.John testifies, "Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesu

did not commit himself to them, because he knew all men , and needed not that any should testify ~~to~~ of man, for he knew what was in man.!

~~III — Judge not that ye be not judged; Golden Rule~~

IV. Jesus interpretation of the Kingdom of God.

Not a geographic location, such as the U.S. or Britis Empire, or such.
Not a far-off kingdom up in the sky somweheres.

What the Kingdom is, according to Jesus, may best be illustrated.

Tired-out person in some stuffy office- all the world seems useless to him
Goes to coast with family- all the world is changed

Paul says, "If any man is in Christ Jesus he is a new creature". If any man is in the K of G, he is an entirely different person; he lives in the same old world, and yet it is a different world to him: his neighbors, instead of being a bore to him and an irretation, become his brothers instead, lovable and needing help and sympathy. His disappointments and weaknesses become opportunities for triumph and victory: instead of being at the mercy of circumstances he becomes master of his situations, and therefore all things work together for god.

To be in the K of G does not mean to be subject to a new code of laws, or to be transplanted to a sphere outside of this world, but to find ~~in~~ this world a new place, to see all men in a new and kindlier light, in short, it means to find God in all life and to become a child in the Father's house.

Straighten out yourself in your mind life - then you will find yourself in harmony with the universe & with your fellow men.

Judge not Golden Rule